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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC STATEMENT BY GOT ON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO
PRIMIN

1. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, DURING MEETING WITH ME OCTOBER 20
WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY, EXPRESSED THE GOT'S STRONG CONCERN
THAT DISTORTED VERSIONS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT LETTER TO PRIMIN
DEMIREL WERE BEING CIRCULATED IN TURKEY AND WERE MAKING THE MESSAGE
ASSUME THE PROPORTIONS OF ANOTHER "JOHNSON LETTER". TO COUNTERACT
THESE DISTORTIONS, CAGLAYANGIL PROPOSED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE
MORNING (ANKARA TIME) OCTOBER 21 HE WOULD DESCRIBE THE PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

BEGIN QUOTE

PRESIDENT FORD IN HIS MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 15TH TO THE PRIME
MINISTER OF TURKEY EXPRESSED THAT THE WIDE MARGIN OF THE LATEST VOTE
IN THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE ATTRI-
BUTED BY BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE
FRIENDSHIP OF TURKEY AND OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE AS WELL. FURTHERMORE
PRESIDENT FORD HAS ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SECURITY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE REVITALIZED IN A
SPIRIT OF NEW CO-OPERATION BY TAKING MEASURES WHICH WILL BE IN
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HARMONY WITH THE INTEREST OF BOTH PARTIES. FINALLY THE

PRESIDENT CONVEYED HIS WISH THAT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS WOULD BE SETTLED IN A PEACEFUL AND CONCILIATORY WAY.

END QUOTE

2. WE BELIEVE FOREGOING IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SENSE OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE THAT IT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO INDICATE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT USG HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS TO GOT'S RELEASE OF FOREGOING SUMMARY.

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